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SUBJ: OPERATION OF WEATHER RADIOS

THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA) HAS TWO CONTRACT WEATHER OBSERVERS IN NICARAGUA. ONE IS AT PUERTO CABEZAS AND THE OTHER AT BLUEFIELDS. THESE OBSERVERS MAKE ROUTINE WEATHER OBSERVATIONS WHICH ARE TRANSMITTED TO THE NICARAGUAN METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE IN MANAGUA AND FURTHER TRANSMITTED ON THE CENTRAL AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL NETWORK AND TO THE US NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE. THESE OBSERVATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE METEOROLOGICAL COMMUNITY FOR THE PROVISION OF WEATHER FORECASTS INCLUDING HURRICANE FORECASTS AND ADVISORIES IN THE CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN AREAS.

NOAA HAS PROVIDED, THROUGH THE VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION, RADIO EQUIP (HF/SSB) TO THE NICARAGUAN METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE SO THAT WEATHER OBSERVATIONS MAY BE TRANSMITTED ON A TIMELY BASIS TO MANAGUA. NOAA HAS ARRANGED WITH CORONEL ENRIQUE GARCIA, G., DIRECTOR OF THE NICARAGUAN METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE FOR THE OPERATION OF

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THE SAME TYPE RADIO EQUIP BY ITS TWO CONTRACT OBSERVERS. THESE

OBSERVERS OPERATE THE RADIO EQUIP ON THE SAME FREQUENCIES
AS OTHER NICARAGUAN METEOROLOGICAL STATIONS AND FOR THE SAME
PURPOSE. OPERATION OF THE EQUIP FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE IS
NOT AUTHORIZED.

TENIENTE CORONEL ALBERTO LUNA COMA JEFE DE CUERPO DE TRANS-
MISIONES DE LA RADIO NACIONAL Y GN HAS RAISED SOME QUESTION
ABOUT THE OPERATION OF THIS RADIO EQUIP BY THE CONTRACT
OBSERVERS. REQUEST YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE GOVT OF
NICARAGUA FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE RADIO EQUIP FOR
THE PURPOSES STATED. SISCO

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